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HIS NECK WAS BROKEN.

The Strange Colored Man Killed Near Keytesville Station Last Friday Morning Proves to Be David Woodstock, of Moberly—The Coroner's Inquest

Just as we went to press last Friday morning we learned of the killing of a strange negro man about 3-4 of a mile east of Keytesville station, who was struck, knocked from the track and killed by the engine of the Chicago, west-bound, "Cannon Ball" passenger train, due at Keytesville at 5:43, a. m.

Immediately upon the news of the tragedy reaching Dr. G. M. Dewey, coroner, he had Sheriff Dempsey empanel a jury and repaired to the depot to hold an inquest, the train men having picked up the negro's dead body and conveyed it to the station.

The witnesses subpoenaed before the jury were W. H. Carson, agent, M. H. Holcomb, jr., night operator, John and James Krigbaum, John Weiss and James Prather.

Mr. Carson testified that he saw deceased at Keytesville station about 12 o'clock on Aug. 14th, also about 12:30 o'clock on Aug. 15th, and that he came near being run over by the 12:47, east-bound, passenger train. Mr. Carson stated that he had some conversation with the negro, who told him that he had walked from Moberly, having left there at 7 o'clock, and got to Keytesville at about 12 o'clock of the same day. He told Mr. Carson also that he was born on the 15th of August, 1810. Mr. Carson was of the opinion that the deceased was not in his right mind at the time he talked with him.

John Krigbaum testified that he saw the deceased, at Dalton, on Aug. 15th, and that he saw him start down the railroad, east. Mr. Krigbaum heard the train whistle Friday morning as though something was on the track. He saw the train stop and back up, and when it arrived at the station the train men took deceased's body off the train and put it in the depot.

The testimony of the other witnesses was largely corroborative of that offered by Messrs. Carson and John Krigbaum.

After hearing all of the testimony the jury, composed of J. C. Rucker, G. B. Gilliam, L. A. Embree, L. B. Thraab, H. Utter and Dan'l J. Nichole, returned a verdict to the effect that "deceased came to his death by being knocked off of the Wabash railroad track by an engine of the train going west about 6 o'clock, a. m., on Aug. 6th, 1895, his neck being broken."

The remains were turned over to Undertakers Rucker & Hunt to prepare for burial, but on the arrival of the west-bound passenger train Friday afternoon, George Carr, col., who works in the baggage rooms of the Union depot, at Moberly, came up and identified the dead negro's body as that of David Woodstock, Mrs. Carr's grandfather. The corpse was turned over to Carr, who had it shipped to Moberly for burial.

Carr said that the deceased had left Moberly on the Monday previous for the purpose of going to Kansas City to visit another grand-daughter. He had been bought a ticket and it was supposed he had reached his destination in safety until word was received of his having been killed.

Carr also said that the old man was given to "flighty spells," which no doubt accounts for his tragic death.

It is said by the trainmen that when the engine got close to him last Friday morning that instead of getting off the track he turned and walked back toward the engine, which struck him with such force as to knock him about 60 feet. Three

or four ribs on the left side and his neck were broken.

Woodstock was 85 years old, and was a familiar figure around Moberly, having lived there ever since that place was laid out.

The costs in holding the inquest amounted to \$33.92.

Tony Weinand Acquitted.

Tony Weinand, the Glasgow saloon-keeper, who was charged with selling beer illegally and carrying concealed weapons at a picnic, in Chariton township, on the 10th of last October, was tried by jury in Justice H. A. Wheeler's court, at Keytesville, last Friday and promptly acquitted of the charge of carrying concealed weapons, the charge of selling beer illegally having been withdrawn or the case dismissed.

M. H. Kneuvens was the prosecuting witness. It was believed that Weinand's prosecution was purely malicious, and was prompted by some trouble Weinand had had with the prosecuting witness' father, Frank Kneuvens, who had disputed an account he owed the saloon. Kneuvens commenced to abuse Weinand's partner, John Wallager, the trouble finally resulting in Weinand's slapping old man Kneuvens in the face.

To avenge the indignity "the old man" had received at Weinand's hands, the junior Kneuvens had Weinand arrested on the charges mentioned above, but utterly failed to prove the allegations made in the complaints.

If prosecuting witnesses were made to pay the costs in such cases there would be fewer prosecutions of this character and a great saving in criminal costs to the state.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Most Perfect Made.

High Priced Hogs.

John E. Wack, of Salisbury, shipped some hogs to Chicago last Saturday that must have given him the double-gear "blues."

The porkers had all been bought under contract by Mr. Wack about the 1st of July, to be delivered during the first half of August, but when the time for delivery arrived hogs were much lower on the Chicago market than the price Mr. Wack paid for them.

One load was bought of David Tuder, of near Shannondale, and consisted of 85 head, all of Mr. Tuder's own raising. When delivered last Saturday they averaged 235 1-2 pounds, the contract price being \$4.85 a hundred.

On the same day Mr. Wack shipped 200 head from Dalton that he had contracted with J. W. Hughes and Archie Carter, of 2 miles northwest of Keytesville, for at \$5 a hundred, and also 160 head, bought of T. H. Carlskadon, of near Dalton, under the same kind of a contract as were the Hughes and Carter hogs.

Poultry.

We will pay the highest market price, in cash, for all the chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and eggs delivered at Red Front, one door west of COURIER office, Keytesville. You will find it to your interest to see us before disposing of your poultry.

J. M. HALLEY & Co.

Cider! Cider!

Henry Nagel, the hustling cider man, west of Salisbury, makes cider every Tuesday. Take your apples to him, and you will get more and better cider for less money than can be procured anywhere else in Chariton county.

Great Bargains in Millinery.

All trimmed and untrimmed straw hats at half price for the next 30 days. Remember the place is at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's, Keytesville, Mo.

June 1st, 1895.

Printing press and room for rent by J. E. M. Triplett, Triplett, Mo., Good opening for the right kind of a man.

CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Charles G. Singleton, the Debauchee of the Keytesville Signal, Imagines He Has Been Criminally Libelled--Worsted at His Own Game, He Plays the Act of a Blubbery Booby and Makes Every body Tired.

As is well known to the readers of the COURIER there has been a journalistic controversy going on for the past few weeks between this paper and the Keytesville Signal, growing out of the Signal's claiming to have a circulation of from "100 to an indefinite number" more than the COURIER in the county.

We were in a position to know that the claim made by the Signal was untrue, and we gave the liquor-drenched editor of that sheet the roasting he deserved, although we belittled ourselves in taking any notice of a poor, miserable inebriate who is, perhaps, more an object of pity than condemnation, and can scarcely be considered either mentally or morally responsible for his misdeeds.

There are many people, however, in this county who know little or nothing of Singleton's true character, and as he had, both unfortunately for himself and the owners of the Signal, been placed in charge of that paper as editor, we deemed it our duty to defend ourself and the COURIER from his villainous attack upon us and our paper, and as we never do anything by halves we made our replies to Singleton's scurrilous assault no exception to our rule, and we skinned the skunk in a manner known to the most execrating art of skunk-skinning. In consequence he has squealed. He has been badly worsted at his own game, and instead of having skinned us he has been "skun"—thoroughly and completely "skun." And while smarting under the pain inflicted by the COURIER's "keen karver" he flees to the law and seeks to recover his lost skin by swearing out a warrant for our arrest, charging us with criminal libel. In thus playing the blubbery booby act, Singleton has made everybody tired and has forfeited what little respect (if any ever existed) that there may have been for him in Keytesville.

The following is the language of his complaint and affidavit:

State of Missouri,
County Chariton.
Before J. M. DeMoss, justice of the peace within and for Keytesville township, in the county of Chariton, in the state of Missouri.
State of Missouri, Plaintiff,
vs.
Charles P. Vandiver, Defendant.

Now comes Charles G. Singleton, of lawful age, who being first duly sworn upon his oath complains and says, that on or about the 16th day of August, 1895, the said defendant, Charles P. Vandiver, at the county of Chariton, in the state of Missouri, did unlawfully and wilfully of and concerning this plaintiff publish in the CHARITON COURIER, a newspaper published at Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri, by the defendant, the said Charles P. Vandiver, certain false, malicious and libellous language, consisting of the following words and phrases, to-wit: "But if you have any desire to obtain further 'history' of his (meaning this plaintiff) life, before he came to Keytesville, write to any reliable citizen, of Fulton, Mo., and you will learn many points of interest (?) in this despicable wretch's (meaning plaintiff) motley career," meaning thereby to charge that plaintiff had been guilty of many crimes not specified by the defendant, the said Vandiver, against the criminal laws of the state of Missouri, with the intent then and there to provoke said plaintiff to wrath and expose him to public hatred, contempt and ridicule, and to deprive him of the benefits of public confidence and social intercourse, against the peace and dignity of the state.

And plaintiff further says that on or about the 16th day of August, 1895, the defendant, the said Charles P. Vandiver, at the county of Chariton, in the state of Missouri, did unlawfully and wilfully publish of and concerning this plaintiff, in the CHARITON COURIER, a newspaper published at Keytesville, Chariton county, by the said defendant, the said Charles P. Vandiver, certain false, malicious and libellous language, consisting of the following words and phrases, to-wit: "The circulation liar (meaning plaintiff) of the Keytesville Signal is still 'doing business' at the old stand," meaning and intending thereby to charge that this plaintiff was in the habit of and had lied through the columns of the Keytesville Signal of and concerning the true circulation

of said Signal, with the intent then and there to provoke said plaintiff to wrath and expose him to public hatred, contempt and ridicule and to deprive him of the benefits of public confidence and social intercourse, against the peace and dignity of the state.

CHAS. G. SINGLETON.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 19th day of August, 1895.

J. M. DeMoss,
Justice of the Peace.

Last Monday morning we were arrested by Constable F. M. Veatch on a warrant issued on the above complaint and affidavit, and on going before Justice DeMoss we were released, upon our recognizance, to appear before the grand jury at the next October term of circuit court.

Our friends need not suffer any uneasiness on our account, as we are amply fortified on all of the allegations and even "insinuations" we have made against Singleton, and will produce requisite proof of these charges, and more, too, if necessary, when the proper time arrives.

Justice DeMoss' Court.

They were two state cases called in Justice J. M. DeMoss' court, in Keytesville, last Monday.

The first was the state vs. Martin Shaughnessy and William and Thos. Berry, for felonious assault upon John Gladbach, jr. This case came from Salt Creek township and grew out of a fight between some young men at a festival, at Newhall, on the night of the 4th of July. There were 22 witnesses in the case and their examination consumed the greater part of the day.

Capt. Wallace and Judge Smith represented the state, while John P. Shaughnessy, the young attorney from Newhall, was for the defense. Mr. Shaughnessy is a bright young man, and graduated with honors from the university law school, at Columbia, last June. The cause in question was the first to engage his attention in a justice's court, and right well did he succeed. He secured the release of one of his clients, while the other two, the Berry brothers, were held for the grand jury, and gave bond for their appearance at the October term of circuit court. There was a great deal of interest taken in the case by citizens of Newhall and Indian Grove neighborhoods, quite a number of them being present. We are sorry that the young men who participated in this trouble should have been so forgetful of the time and place as to demean themselves in the manner they did. They are young, however, and we hope they will learn better through this experience and never do the like again.

The other case was against Joseph Meyers and Asa Jeffries for common assault upon Wm. D. Fuller, and came from the neighborhood of Mike, in Muscle Fork township. Owing to the lateness of the hour when the other case was disposed of a continuance was taken in the Meyers and Jeffries case till the 27th inst.

On Tuesday the case of James Guthridge vs. Peter Smith, on account, was called and continued till some day yet to be agreed upon.

On Wednesday a replevin suit of the Singer Manufacturing Co. against Geo. T. Hecke was tried by jury and a verdict given for plaintiffs entitling them to recover a sewing machine one of their agents had sold Hecke, and for which he had only partially paid.

Notice.

We are requested to announce that those who have near and dear ones buried at Mt. Pleasant cemetery, near Guthridge Mills, and the neighborhood generally are expected to turn out at 2 o'clock, p. m., on Saturday, Aug. 31st, for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery and making such repairs to the burying grounds as may be found necessary.

Mrs. C. P. Vandiver has just received a new line of early fall sailors in black and white straw.

Swain leads the procession on queensware.

SHOOTING SCRAPE AT WESTVILLE.

John S. Robinson Receives Two Flesh Wounds at the Hands of Cecil McGowen—The Shooting the Result of Previous Trouble—McGowen Arrested and Now Under a \$500 Bond.

Another chapter was recorded in the criminal calendar of Chariton county, at Westville, last Friday evening about sundown.

It seems that a week previous, Cecil McGowen and John S. Robinson had a difficulty, the nature of which we have been unable to learn, but hot and abusive words fell thick and fast and a few blows were exchanged, McGowen striking the first blow.

On last Friday, McGowen and Robinson again met in Westville, and when Robinson started home about sundown McGowen called him, Robinson stopped and McGowen walked up to him and proposed to make friends, to which Robinson willingly consented.

After a short talk with McGowen, Robinson again started home. Imagine his surprise when he had only gone about 30 yards to hear the sharp crack of a revolver ring out on the evening air. Just as Robinson turned, to see from whence the report came, a second shot was fired by McGowen, the 38-calibre ball taking effect on the under side of Robinson's right leg, just opposite the knee cap.

On realizing the imminent danger he was in, Robinson quickly drew his revolver and fired one shot at McGowen which was followed by a third shot fired by McGowen at Robinson, this ball striking Robinson about half way between the knee joint and the hip, producing a slight flesh wound on the front side of the right leg.

When Robinson drew his pistol to shoot at McGowen, although the ball went wide of its target, McGowen took refuge behind a friendly wagon near by, and occupied by Claiborne Oliver and family, who were preparing to leave town, and there emptied the two remaining loaded chambers of his weapon at Robinson, but neither of the last two shots struck the object of their aim.

After emptying his revolver McGowen took to his heels and made good time in shaking the dust of Westville off his feet.

Robinson was taken home and Drs. Isaiah and Minnie Knott were called to dress his wounds, from the effects of which he will be laid up for some time.

A warrant was sworn out for McGowen's arrest, charging him with felonious assault with intent to kill.

His arrest was accomplished last Sunday morning by Constable J. G. Oldham, and on being taken before Justice William Clark, of Clark township, on Monday morning, McGowen gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at his preliminary trial before Squire Clark next Monday, Aug. 26th.

McGowen is a young man 19 or 20 years of age and unmarried. Robinson is 32 years old and has a wife, but no children.

Camp Meeting.

A camp-meeting will be commenced in Ash Grove park, at the Cut-off lake, on Sasse Bros.' premises, south of Dalton, by the German M. E. church, on Friday, Aug. 22. Services will be held in English Sunday afternoon and evening. All are invited.

D. T. Mitchell, a nice gentleman from Boone county, for several years the county lecturer of the F. and L. U. and later the Populist candidate for the legislature, attended the Populist picnic, near Salisbury, Wednesday and yesterday.

Fresh bread always on hand at Swain's.

Led to a Burglar's Arrest.

The recent arrest of three negroes, at Forest Green, for shooting craps, and who were taken before Squire L. A. Spencer, of Chariton township, and each fined \$2.50 and costs, which the "bone rollers" paid, led to the discovery that Alonzo Hayes, another negro, had lost a ring in a crap game with one or more of the negroes who were arrested, and that the ring was the property of Lemkin & Fristoe, of Forest Green, and had been stolen from their store, which was burglarized ten days or two weeks ago of a couple of rings and \$1.17 in money.

Hayes in the mean time had skip-ped, but was located over about Prairie Hill, and placed under arrest on a warrant charging him with burglary.

He was arraigned before Squire Spencer, and in default of bond was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury at the coming October term of circuit court.

The fact of a man's bringing suit for his character is prima facie evidence that he has lost his good name. This does not apply, however, to an individual who never has had, hasn't got and never will have a character to lose.

Letter List.

List of letters unclaimed in Keytesville post-office Aug. 16th, 1895:

Mr. James Brislane.
Mr. James F. Brislane.
Mr. G. W. Carnet.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

JNO. CHIVERS, P. M.

While Mrs. U. K. Shilling, the good wife of the Methodist pastor, was at a neighbor's, Mrs. G. C. Martin's, last Wednesday afternoon, some sneak thief entered the parsonage and stole between \$9 and \$10 of missionary money, which had been turned over to Mrs. Shilling by Miss Octavia Mann, who had just collected it. The money was stolen from a double-ended collar box, and there were several dollars in the other end of the box which were not molested. No clue to the thief.

Tailor-Made Clothing.

I have just received a nice line of fall and winter samples of piece goods for tailor-made clothing, which my customers are cordially invited to call and see. Prices reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

HARMES, the Tailor.

Col. D. G. Minter and daughter, Miss Mabel, are visiting Keytesville relatives. Col. Minter is a brother to our beloved fellow citizen, Judge H. C. Minter, and an uncle of Mrs. C. B. Crawley. The colonel, by the way, was pointed out on our streets Wednesday morning as being ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson, of Kansas; but as the colonel wore socks he had no trouble in proving an alibi.

The Linneus Bulletin figures out that twenty per cent. of the land, in Linn county, was planted to corn this year that will make an average of 40 bushels to the acre, and at the lowest market price it will yield over \$1,000,000.

D. J. Nichols, living in the south part of town, lost a \$40 cow Wednesday. Yesterday morning Mr. Nichols was thrown from a horse and considerably bruised and battered. Truly misfortunes never come singly.

Quite a number of Keytesville firm have had some nice sign work done during the past week. The work was tastily executed by James M. Moore, an itinerant, artistic sign painter.

Call and see those new style leather belts at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's. They are only 25cts each.

Nice lace straw hats from 2 to 50 cts, just half price, at Mrs. P. Vandiver's.

For good groceries at rock bottom prices, try Swain.